

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1           1. A method for providing translation service through a  
2 network, comprising the steps of:

3           (Step 1) delivering language information as to its own  
4 language as well as the other person's language, a telephone  
5 number of a first telephone terminal as well as a telephone  
6 number of a second telephone terminal belonging to said other  
7 person together with information for requesting translation  
8 from said first telephone terminal to a network at the time of  
9 establishing a phone line.

10          (Step 2) connecting said first telephone terminal with said  
11 second telephone terminal by means of said network through a  
12 translating apparatus, which has been previously prepared;

13          (Step 3) translating a speaking in said first telephone  
14 terminal and a speaking in said second telephone terminal by  
15 means of said translating apparatus in accordance with said  
16 language information to deliver both the spoken contents  
17 translated to their opposite parties' telephone terminals,  
18 respectively; and

19          (Step 4) counting a time required for the translation by  
20 means of an accounting apparatus, which has been prepared  
21 previously on said network, to charge the fee as a translation  
22 fee, and adding the translation fee to a rate for a call caused  
23 by a phone call between said first telephone terminal and said  
24 second telephone terminal.

1           2    A method for providing translation service as claimed

2 in claim 1, wherein:

3 said first telephone terminal and said second telephone  
4 terminal are cellular phones or Personal Handy Phones,  
5 respectively.

1 3. A method for providing translation service as claimed

2 in claim 1, wherein:

3 said network is a fixed telephone network.

1 4 A method for providing translation service as claimed

2 in claim 1, wherein:

3 said network is an internet telephone network.

1 5. A method for providing translation service through a  
2 network, comprising the steps of:

3 (Step 1) delivering language information as to languages  
4 spoken by a first telephone terminal and a second telephone  
5 terminal together with information for requesting translation  
6 from either of said first telephone terminal and said second  
7 telephone terminal to a net work in the case where a phone line  
8 for a phone call is in an established condition between said  
9 first telephone terminal and said second telephone terminal,

10 (Step 2) reconnecting said first telephone terminal with  
11 said second telephone terminal by means of said network through  
12 a translating apparatus, which has been previously prepared;

13 (Step 3) translating a speaking in said first telephone  
14 terminal and a speaking in said second telephone terminal by  
15 means of said translating apparatus in accordance with said

16 language information to deliver both the spoken contents  
17 translated to their opposite parties' telephone terminals,  
18 respectively; and  
19 (Step 4) counting not only a rate for a call produced by  
20 a phone call between said first telephone terminal and said  
21 second telephone terminal, but also separately a charging usage  
22 of said translating apparatus by means of an accounting apparatus,  
23 which has been prepared previously on said network with respect  
24 to said first telephone terminal or said second telephone  
25 terminal from either of which the translation was requested.

1 6. A method for providing translation service as claimed  
2 in claim 5, wherein:

3 said first telephone terminal and said second telephone  
4 terminal are cellular phones or Personal Handy Phones,  
5 respectively.

1 7. A method for providing translation service as claimed  
2 in claim 5, wherein:

3 said network is a fixed telephone network.

1 8. A method for providing translation service as claimed  
2 in claim 5, wherein:

3 said network is an internet telephone network.